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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: December 17, 2019

SUBJECT: MOTION OF 6/25/19 BY COUNCILOR CIRILLO
REQUEST CITY MANAGER HAVE PROPER DEPARTMENT REVIEW
PARKING/TRAFFIC ISSUES ON RIVERSIDE STREET BETWEEN ALMA
AND LAFAYETTE STREETS IN PAWTUCKETVILLE

Transportation staff performed a site visit to the location. Stated issues are vehicles speeding on Riverside Street and vehicles parked on the sidewalk with no accessible areas for people to walk. Riverside Street is within the Pawtucketville residential parking area (traffic ordinance 266-80). Parking is permitted between 7am to 10pm excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only for vehicles displaying a Pawtucketville residential parking sticker. Parking is prohibited on both sides of Riverside Street from VFW Highway to Sparks Street. In this section of Riverside Street, immediately after the area where parking is prohibited, the roadway width, curb to curb, is approximately 32 to 34 feet, which is not adequate for a parking lane (8' wide) and a drive lane (11'). As a result, vehicles park partially or wholly on the sidewalks, which then blocks the safe and accessible path for pedestrians.

The Transportation Engineer recommends prohibiting parking on Riverside Street for the remaining 1,000' of the roadway within Lowell, from Sparks Street to the Dracut town line. The corresponding ordinance will be placed on the next 60-day trial memo for the January 7, 2020 Council agenda.

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cc: Natasha Vance, Transportation Engineer